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SUBJECT: WHO ROLE IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL

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1. FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS AT THE 29TH SESSION OF THE UNGA LAST SEPTEMBER (REFTEL A), THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO IN JANUARY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO TO PREPARE A REPORT ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS. WE ARE REPEATING REF B TO POSTS FOR BACKGROUND.

2. THE US DELEGATION TO THE 28TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY WHICH CONVENES IN GENEVA ON MAY 13, 1975 HOPES TO STIMULATE A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION RE DISEASE OUT OF WHICH WE HOPE WILL COME A MANDATE TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO PROCEED TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS. TO THIS END US DELEGATION PLANS TO INTRODUCE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AT THE WHA. POSTS ARE REQUESTED UNLESS THEY PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION WITH THEIR HOST GOVERNMENT HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP. PLEASE REPLY DEPT, INFORMATION U.S. MISSION GENEVA.

3. QUOTE: THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING RESOLUTIONS EB5.R5 AND EB55.R22 ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS,

NOTING THAT THE DISEASE REMAINS LARGELY UNCONTROLLED AND THAT ITS PREVALENCE IS INCREASING; AND THAT WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE NEEDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TO IMPROVE NEEDED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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TO PREVENTATIVE HEALTH MEASURES MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS INCREASE,

NOTING FURTHER THAT AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THE NEED FOR GREATLY INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION WAS DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY AND THAT MEETING NUTRITIONAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORLD'S EXPANDING POPULATION WILL REQUIRE MORE PROJECTS TO IMPOUND WATER AND IRRIGATE FIELDS,

EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT PROPER ENGINEERING DESIGN OF WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS CAN HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN LIMITING THE SPREAD OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS

AMONG POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY SUCH PROJECTS,

RECOGNIZING THAT EFFECTIVE PLANNING FOR, AND OPERATION OF, SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL ACTIVITIES REQUIRES CLOSE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG AGENCIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AND MINISTRIES WITHIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS,

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WHICH OUTLINES THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IMPROVE THE FEASIBILITY OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL.

REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. TO PREPARE AND KEEP CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS, TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SPREAD OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS AND OTHER WATER BORNE DISEASE IN WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS,
2. TO ADVISE COUNTRIES ON THE APPLICATION OF THESE GUIDELINES TO WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PLANNED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OR COMPLETED.
3. TO REQUEST MEMBERS TO MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL PROGRAMS UNDERWAY OR CARRIED OUT IN THEIR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DETAILS OF RESEARCH WORK,  
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MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, COSTS, ETC.

4. TO COORDINATE ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES TO GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT STUDIES OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF THE DISEASE AND ON THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF CONTROL AND ON ITS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT.
5. TO REPORT ON THIS MATTER TO THE 30TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY. END QUOTE.
6. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE INFORM SECRETARIAT OF OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CO-SPONSORSHIP AND OBTAIN THEIR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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